

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Masato Katayama )  
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For: ROOTS INDUCING AGENT OF PLANTS ) Examiner: Pryor, Alton Nathaniel  
AND ITS TREATMENT METHOD )

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**AMENDMENT**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.33(b)(2), in response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2005.

This amendment was originally filed on January 20, 2006 as part of Applicants' Appeal Brief. The Brief was found to be defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 41.37.

As directed by MPEP 1206, this Amendment is properly submitted in a paper separate from the Appeal Brief.